UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/AC.182/SR.56
30 March 1981

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND
ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION

1981 session

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 56th MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Friday, 13 March 1981, at 3 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. HUCKE (German Democratic Republic)

CONTENTS

Adoption of the report (continued)

This record is subject to correction.

Corrections should be submitted in one of the working languages. They should be set forth in a memorandum and also incorporated in a copy of the record. They should be sent within one week of the date of this document to the Chief, Official Records Editing Section, Department of Conference Services, room A-3550, 866 United Nations Plaza.

Any corrections to the records of the meetings of this session will be consolidated in a single corrigendum, to be issued shortly after the end of the session.

81-55320 9393E (E)

/...

The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT (continued) (A/AC.182/L.26)

1. Mrs. RAMIRO-LOPEZ (Philippines), Rapporteur, introduced the Introduction (A/AC.182/L.26) to the Special Committee's report and read out some changes that had been made.

2. She read out a statement on the work done by the Working Group in connexion with the question of the maintenance of international peace and security.*

3. Mr. PIRIS (France) said that the Committee must re-examine its method of work. Once again it had not been possible to prepare the Committee's report in good time and in all languages, and the Rapporteur had unfortunately again been required to read out a lengthy statement constituting the bulk of the report so that delegations had not had a chance to see the report in written form. When the decision to discontinue, for budgetary reasons, the provision of summary records for the Special Committee had been re-examined, his delegation had maintained that the reinstatement of summary records would not result in any improvement of the situation with respect to the preparation of the report. The example of the current session convincingly demonstrated that the French delegation had been right, and fully warranted a re-examination of the question of the provision of summary records. The Committee should perhaps terminate its deliberations a few days earlier in order to give the Rapporteur and the Secretariat time to prepare the report and the same should also be done by other Committees established by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee. In any case the situation must never be allowed to recur. The Committee had a special responsibility in that connexion since its mandate included the question of the rationalization of existing procedures of the United Nations.

The meeting rose at 7.30 p.m.

---

* For the full text of this statement, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/36/33, sect. II).